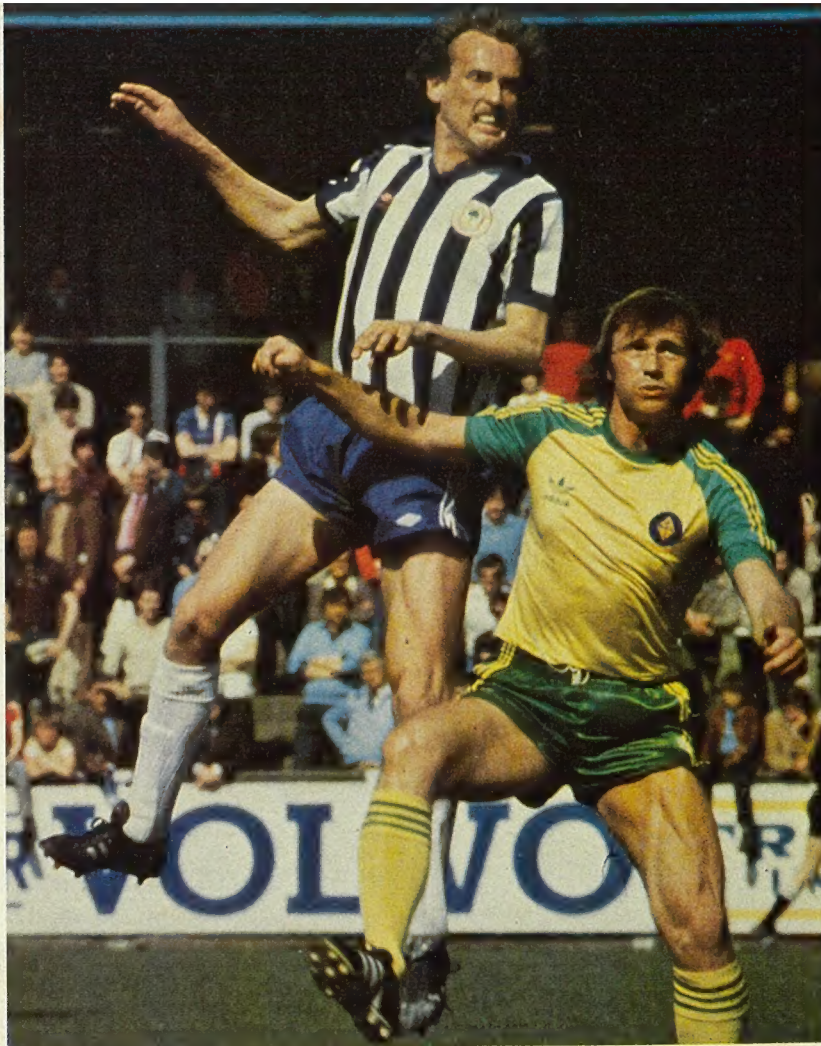


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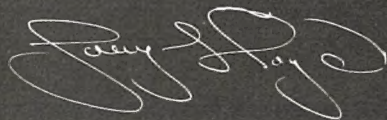
GOOD afternoon ladies and gentlemen, and a warm welcome to the Halifax Town Football Club, for the resumption of our League programme after the exploits of the League Cup match on Tuesday. Talking of that match, I felt very proud indeed in the way that my players played, and fought so very hard, only to lose the match with a dubious penalty and a dreadful individual mistake. I hope Colin Methven has not been pilloried for the slip up he made on Tuesday, because in fact it was his only mistake in the whole ninety minutes. Having said this, each and everyone of us must learn to concentrate right until the final whistle.

From myself and the team, I would like to thank each and everyone of you for the tremendous amount of support we received on Tuesday, and ask you to carry on this way today, and indeed for the remainder of the season.

As we are now out of both Cup competitions, I hope we can now concentrate on moving up the League table, which, come next May, could hopefully see us in a promotion position.

Enjoy the game,

Best wishes,



Larry Lloyd.



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Scene Four

HALIFAX DROP INTO DANGER ZONE by Tony Pullein

HALIFAX Town suffered their sixth home defeat of the season last Saturday and, as the club immediately below them (Mansfield Town) collected full points from their home game against Hereford United, Halifax dropped into the bottom four places in the Fourth Division.

Tommy Graham had given Halifax an early lead against Scunthorpe United at The Shay, but goals from Chris Cowling and Paul Moss turned the game in the visitors' favour.

The top-of-the-table clash between A.F.C. Bournemouth and Sheffield United drew Dean Court's biggest crowd (9,855) in almost six years. The visitors dominated the first-half, but it was all Bournemouth after the break, and the Blades were thankful for an extraordinary injury-time flying save from goalkeeper Keith Waugh to give them their point. A real screamer from Keith Williams was deflected and seemed certain to creep inside the post until Waugh arrived from nowhere.

"I didn't see it until the very last moment," he admitted afterwards.

Enthusiasm is at its peak in the Dorset town just at the moment. Last Saturday's crowd was their best since 17,094 turned up to see a local derby with Brighton on New Year's Day 1974 and the Cherries are now placed fourth in the Division Four attendance chart:

	Aggre- gate	No. of Games	Average
1. Sheffield Utd.	100,897	(8)	12,612
2. Bradford City	47,751	(8)	5,969
3. Blackpool	42,958	(8)	5,370
4. Bournemouth	48,062	(9)	5,340
5. WIGAN ATHLETIC	40,050	(8)	5,006

Port Vale ran up their biggest win of the season when they thrashed Hartlepool United 5-2 at Vale Park and they have now crept up among the promotion-chasers. Until recently Vale had been

held back by a poor home record, but this was their third home win in a row.

Two of Vale's goals were scored by veteran striker Ernie Moss and that took his career total in League soccer up to 162. The brothers Neville and Mark Chamberlain each scored once and Vale's final goal came from Terry Armstrong in the last minute. Hartlepool's goals were scored by David Howard and Roy Hogan.

Two other brothers were also on target last weekend — but for different clubs. While Des Bremner was scoring twice for League Champions Aston Villa in their 3-1 win over Nottingham Forest, kid brother Kevin opened the scoring for Colchester United at Darlington. Though David Speedie equalised for the home side, Roger Osborne — who scored Ipswich Town's winning goal against Arsenal in the 1978 F.A. Cup final — hit Colchester's winner and took them into top place in the table.

Bury's Craig Madden, who had scored five goals in his previous four games, was powerless to save Bury's 100 per cent home record. Lowly Hull City, who had not won away from home this season, scored twice in the second-half through Steve McClaren and Garreth Roberts, to win 2-0 and end a run of 18 away games without a win stretching back to last January.

However, Madden still maintained his position as the country's leading goalscorer. Leading Fourth Division marksmen after last weekend's games were:

	League	Lge.Cup	FA Cup	Total
Madden (Bury)	17	3	3	23
Campbell (Brad.City)	11	3	-	14
Allinson (Col. Utd.)	11	2	-	13
Brown (Tranmere Rov)	7	5	1	13
Bremner (Col. Utd.)	9	3	-	12
Cooke (Pet'borough U)	9	1	2	12
Walwyn (York City)	11	-	1	12

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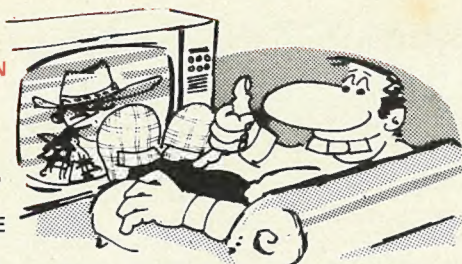
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HOME																										
Aldershot			3-2	2-0	1-2				0-0	3-1	1-2			2-3								2-0	2-1		2-1	0-1
Blackpool				0-3		1-1		5-0		7-1			3-1		1-1		1-1	1-0	2-0	0-0					0-0	
Bourn'm'th					3-2			2-0	2-0						1-1		1-1	1-0	2-0	0-0					0-3	
Bradford		4-1					2-1				1-0						1-0	2-0		0-2					3-3	6-2
Bury									2-0				0-2		7-1	3-1	3-2	3-0	4-0		2-0				5-3	
Colchester		1-1										4-0			5-1				2-1			3-0	4-0	1-2	4-0	
Crewe		2-3				1-2			1-0	0-1							0-2	1-2	3-0			0-1			1-1	
Darlington			2-2		1-5		1-2				1-1			1-0	0-0	1-1	2-0				2-0					
Halifax				1-1		2-1	0-2							2-1		1-1		0-0	1-1	2-0			0-0		2-1	
Hartlepool							1-3	1-2		3-2			3-2		3-1	0-1										
Hereford					1-2	3-0			1-1	2-2	1-1		2-2								0-0	0-3				
Hull		1-2				2-1		2-3								1-1				2-1			1-2	0-2	2-0	
Mansfield			2-2	0-1	0-2	1-1		0-1				2-1	3-3		4-1			4-3								
North'pton			0-1	3-1	0-2			3-0				2-3	1-1						1-1	1-2	0-0		3-2			
Peterboro'		7-1		1-0				3-0				3-1		1-0	1-0			5-1			0-2	1-0			0-1	
Port Vale		1-0					2-1		0-0	5-2	2-1		2-1	0-0		1-3							0-0	1-1		
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Scunthorpe			1-1		1-3						2-1	2-2	4-4			0-1							2-1		0-3	
Sheffield Utd.			3-1				1-0	4-0		2-1	1-1	2-2		4-1				1-0					2-0			
Stockport		4-2		1-2	2-3			2-0		2-1				3-0		3-0				1-0		2-1			3-2	
Torquay					2-0								2-1	2-0	2-2					1-0	1-1		1-2			
Tranmere				0-1	1-1	1-3			1-1		1-0	0-0					2-0		2-1	0-1	2-1	1-0			0-0	0-2
Wigan									2-1			1-1			3-1											
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COMING SHORTLY

ALDERSHOT FOOTBALL CLUB

OUR next visitors to Springfield Park, the Aldershot Football Club, have already provided Wigan Athletic with two very competitive games in this season's Football League Cup Competition. Although Latics triumphed, the two games played against the "Shots" could not have been more finely balanced, and Larry Lloyd was the first to emphasise the fact in his post-victory interview with the Press. Certainly the game to be played on Saturday, 19th December, is of great significance for both clubs. Aldershot are desperate to pull themselves away from a comfortable mid-table position to set out their stall for a tilt at promotion in the New Year, while Wigan Athletic, despite a long run of successful league results, have yet to fight their way into the "top-six" to join the promotion favourites. Defeat for either side would be a major blow at this stage of the season, so a keen encounter can be anticipated.

A detailed preview of the Aldershot Football Club was provided in this section of our programme for the Scunthorpe United game, played on the 24th October, 1981, but several additional matters of a statistical kind can now be brought to the attention of our readers. For instance, although the present ground capacity is fixed at 16,000 the Recreation Ground once housed 19,138 spectators for a Fourth Round replay in the F.A. Cup competition against Carlisle United on the 28th January, 1970. Record receipts were recorded on 20th February, 1979, when spectators paid £11,850 for the privilege of witnessing a Fifth Round F.A. Cup game against Shrewsbury Town. John Dungworth was the club's most prolific scorer in recent times, but Jack Howarth, in the late 60's and early 70's, netted no fewer than 171 League goals for "The Shots". In their 40 years of League Football, the best season for Aldershot Football Club, in League competition, was in 1973/74, when the club finished in eighth position in the Third Division.

The club's record victory of 8-1 was recorded against Gateshead, in a Fourth Division game, on 13th September, 1958. The record defeat, 0-9 against Bristol City, in a Third Division (South) game, was experienced on 28th December, 1946. In passing, it would be unforgivable not to record that the club's present team manager, Len Walker, between 1964 and 1976, amassed a grand total of 450 League appearances for "The Shots". It is hardly surprising that such a dedicated servant of the club is looked to by both directors and supporters of the Aldershot Football Club as the driving force that will eventually take the club to a higher level of Football League competition.

Do not miss the vital League encounter to be played at Springfield Park in fourteen days time.

FOR YOUR DIARY

Saturday, 19th December, 1981.

WIGAN ATHLETIC -v- ALDERSHOT

FOOTBALL LEAGUE DIVISION FOUR

KICK-OFF 3.00 p.m.

Monday, 28th December, Blackpool
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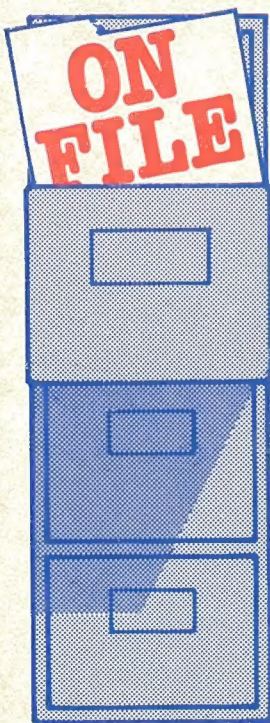
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WELL, the big games would appear to be over for the year (but don't forget the Associate Members Cup) and its now back to the hard work of getting out of the Fourth Division. From the administration side, the two big games were a great opportunity, not just to test our adaptability, and competence, but also to highlight areas which will have to be streamlined if we are to be capable of running big games regularly, as has to be done in the higher divisions.

As if it was not enough to have to stage the Villa match, we were short of the services of a clerk typist as Merle Ward had left ten days before (not, I can assure you, because she was afraid of the game — she thrived on being busy). Through the sterling efforts of Helen Turner, Jack Sudworth and Bill Brown of the Commercial Department, we managed to cover the vacancy, but I had to take Jack Farrimond to task, as you know he works part-time only, but this last week he only did six and a half days at eight hours a day!

And not only did we have the

match to worry about, the day before all the players had to sign revised contracts negotiated by the P.F.A. This involved twenty sets of contracts, which involved one hundred and sixty documents requiring me to sign and Jack Farrimond to witness two hundred and forty times.

On a lighter note, some of you may have noticed Peter Adamson (Len Fairclough of "Coronation Street") at the Villa match. He comes and watches us fairly often, but was more excited this time than he's ever been. To him must go the quote of the week; as he witnessed the possible "dive" which gave Villa their penalty, he shouted "Come off it, Ref! Even I can act better than that!"

Cheers,

Colin Burke,

Secretary.



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THE LOCAL VIEW



by Harold Ashurst

TALK about getting off the mark in double quick time — the lads of Garswood United Youth team scored two goals in a staggering 61 seconds against Eagle in a recent Warrington Sunday League game. Their first, scored by Gary Hilton, came after just 42 seconds of match and Ian Ure (a name from the past there) scored the second just nine seconds later. With a start like that, it's little wonder Garswood kept a tight grip on the match — running out 5-1 winners.

Six referees from Wigan Referees Society have appointments in the ATS Lancashire Junior Cup (it won't be the same without Latics), today. John Robinson is the referee for the Burscough v Blackpool Mechanics tie with John Longton and Steve Harrison running the lines, while Dave Orrell and Ray Fletcher and Vince Cottam are referee and linesmen respectively, in the match between Atherton Collieries

and Nelson.

The Post and Chronicle Sunday League's new President Les Jackson attended his first meeting last week and his first job was to pay tribute to his predecessor Jimmy Hurst. Aspull carry the Wigan Amateur League's flag into the Third Round of the Lancashire Amateur Shield today, when they travel to R.O.F. Blackburn.

Still with the Amateur League, the leaders of the four senior divisions and the youth league last weekend were Bethel, St. Thomas's LC, Standish LGLC, Highfield and Chorley Youth.

Bryn and Wigan Town have high hopes of going through to the fifth round of the Lancashire Sunday Trophy. Both are at home, but Oddfellows have a tough away match at Lisieux Hall. Finally, lots of movement yet again in the Amateur League, with no fewer than 13 players going in for a change of club.

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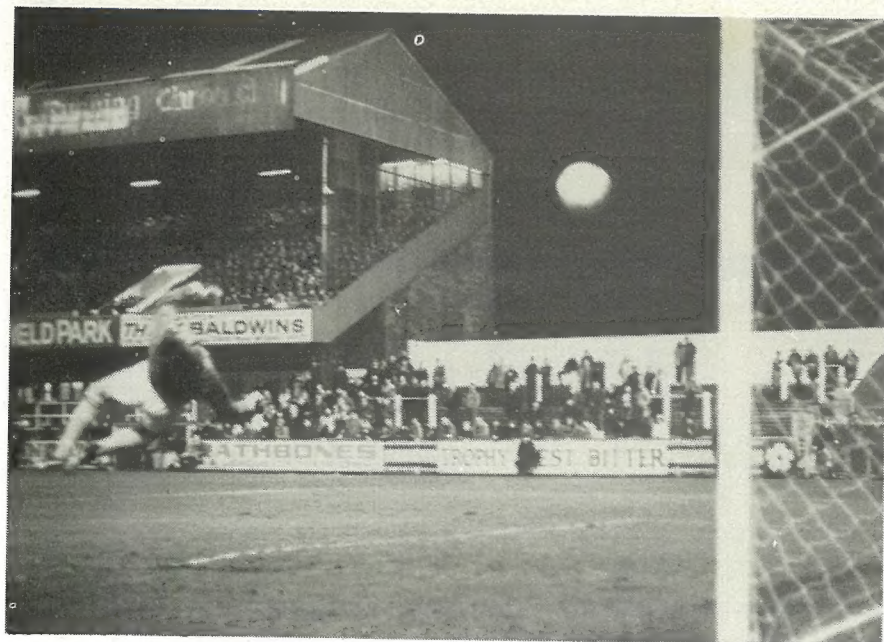
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PICTURE



"Peter Houghton connects against Aston Villa . . ."
 "... and Jimmy Rimmer is left helpless as Wigan
 Athletic take the lead". (photographs by David Cookson)



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Dear Sir,

As a fan of Wigan Athletic, I would like to congratulate the team on their performance against Aston Villa. I was proud of the way the lads battled, and lets not forget, played some great stuff.

Football can be a cruel game and it was certainly cruel to Wigan, the penalty was very doubtful, and makes you wonder,

"WOULD VILLA HAVE SCORED?" My opinion is no! as the defence were as solid as a rock, and as for the winner, I was never a great goalscorer myself, but could easily have "put it away" as a result of the again **cruel** error in defence. I heard people in the crowd saying "Well its a blessing in disguise", of course referring to Wigans push for promotion.

Once again, congratulations, and all the best for promotion, if not this season, then in the future.

You used to do a feature in your programme for letters from fans, if you start it again, you may want to include this one.

M. O'Neill.

P.S. How about Larry Lloyd for Sports Personality of the Year!

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Saturday, 28th November, 1981.
Lancashire League

Wigan Athletic Res. v. Stockport County
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 Wigan Athletic "A" v. Liverpool "B"

December 19th, 1981

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The Childrens Party will be held on Sunday, 20th December, 1.30 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. Again admittance will be by ticket, which must be collected before the 13th December. For tickets, please see Jimmy Hoy in the Supporters' Club.

NOEL WARD BENEFIT

Please note that due to lack of support, the Couples Night which

was to be held at the Riverside on the 10th December has been cancelled.

FORTHCOMING ATTRACTIONS

The September Club will be holding its Christmas Party on Wednesday, 9th December. A concert is arranged for the night, when everyone is welcome. Entertainment will be provided by Evergreen, Marie Michelle and Tony Lucas.

ENTERTAINMENT IN THE CLUB THIS WEEKEND

Sat. 5th Dec. - Alan Lewis
Sun. 6th Dec. - Adam Kane

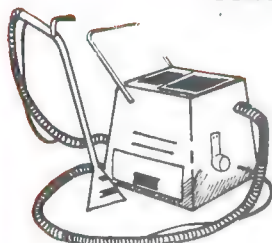
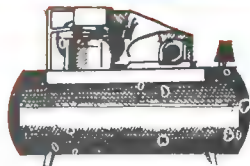
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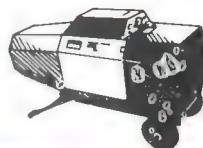
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THIS afternoon we are delighted to welcome our near neighbours, from across the Pennines, the Halifax Town Football Club. We would extend a warm welcome to all our visitors, whether they be directors, management, players or supporters. Although 'The Shaymen' have yet to get the better of Latics since we joined the Football League, most of our encounters have been hard-fought, with goals often at a premium. Certainly, we can look forward to another

dour struggle today, as Halifax Town look to fight their way from the lower reaches of the Fourth Division, while our boys try to put behind them cup euphoria to go in search of vital league points.

Like ourselves, today's visitors have experienced serious injury problems, with such seasoned professionals as Tommy O'Neil and Jimmy McIlwraith suffering lengthy spells on the sidelines. As with all sides struggling to improve their fortunes,

"The Shaymen" have endeavoured to run of the ball. We, of hairline decision and, whatever is itself out across the ourselves are looking of late.

The stage then is exciting football and all fans enjoy — go

Season 1978-1979.
18th Oct., 1978

Wigan Ath 1 Halifax T. 0
H.T. Score 1-0 Att 5,216
Scorers Wigan Ath
Hinnigan
Halifax Town —
Halifax T 1 Wigan Ath 2
H.T. Score 0-2 Att 2,437
Scorers Halifax T Carroll
Wigan Ath Moore, Purdie

16th Dec., 1978

PREVIOUS LEAGUE RESULTS

Season 1979-1980
19th Mar., 1980

Halifax T 0 Wigan Ath 0
H.T. Score 0-0 Att 1,406
Scorers Halifax T —
Wigan Ath
Wigan Ath 3 Halifax T. 1
H.T. Score 1-0 Att 5,076
Scorers Wigan Ath M
Quinn, Davids, Houghton
Halifax T Smith

12th Apr., 1980

Season 1980-1981
16th Sept., 1980

1st Oct., 1980

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AX TOWN



Robert Mimms, Andy Graham, Paul Hendrie, Paul Kendall, Simon

ve not always enjoyed the too, know the frustration s going the wrong way, d about luck evening e year, both Halifax and ng for better fortune than

set for ninety minutes of e hope, a game full of d that vital ingredient that als.

Halifax T 0 Wigan Ath. 1
T Score 0-0 Att. 2,052
corers: Halifax T. —
Wigan Ath. A Quinn
Wigan Ath. 4 Halifax T. 1
T Score 2-0 Att. 4,247
corers Wigan Ath. M
Quinn, (2), Kettle, G
quhart
Halifax T Firth

PERSONALITIES

JOHN KILNER A £12,000 buy from Preston in September 1979 when he replaced Mick Leonard (transferred to Notts County) in goal. John had previously had a spell on loan to the Shaymen and has continued to be a reliable and competent keeper and a great crowd favourite.

LEE SMELT Goalkeeper signed for £10,000 fee from Notts Forest in October this year. Now No.1 choice, Lee signed following a one month loan period.

DAVID EVANS Joined town during the close season of 1979 for a £22,500 fee from Aston Villa. A commanding central defender and the possessor of a fierce shot, Dave's experience in the higher grade has made him a key figure in the Shaymen's future plans. Dave was made club captain during the close season.

FRANCIS (FRANNY) FIRTH Dewsbury born 'Franny' joined Huddersfield Town from school as an apprentice professional and went on to sign full-time in October 1973. A speedy and tricky wingman who likes to 'take on' the opposition. He joined Halifax Town in February 1978.

PAUL HENDRIE Made his football league debut in the colours of Birmingham City during the 1973 season. A fine midfield schemer with the heart of a lion. Paul signed for Halifax Town during the close season of 1979 from Bristol Rovers for a fee of £5,000. This former Celtic apprentice who had also experienced a spell of American football with Portland Timbers had endeared himself to Shay fans through his genuine personality and would surely command a substantial fee in today's transfer market. Voted as the 'Player of the Year' for the last two seasons by the supporters club.

ANDY WHITELEY Joined town from school in August 1979. He is a versatile player equally at home in midfield or attack, Andy is hoping to make the breakthrough to a regular first team placing this term following a number of impressive second team and 12 men performances.

STEPHEN WARD A summer 1980 signing from Northampton Town. This young midfielder started his career with Brighton and Hove Albion who he joined from school. Narrowly beaten into second place by Paul Hendrie as the supporters 'Player of the Year' last season.

VERNON ALLATT Signed for the shaymen from non-league Hednesford Town in November 1979 for a £5,000 fee, a former miner, he plays as a striker, and has good speed and ball control.

TOMMY GRAHAM A £20,000 buy from Barnsley in October 1980, he also had a spell with Aston Villa. Made his debut in the 3-1 home victory over York City and soon found goalscoring form. Finished the season as joint leading scorer with Franny Firth. Tommy is the brother of Leeds United's Scottish International Arthur Graham.

BILLY AYRE Has certainly impressed since his arrival from Hartlepool in January 1981 in a 'straight swap' for Kevin Johnson. A solid and dependable defender he has rarely missed a game since his signing and is a player who doesn't know the meaning of giving less than 100% and is a fine inspiration to his team-mates. Billy was made Player-Coach and team captain under new manager Mickey Bullock.

EVERTON CARR Signed on free transfer during the close season from Leicester City where he has made 17 first team appearances (10 in the first division) for the Filbert Street side. Born in Antigua, Everton joined Leicester City from school and actually graduated to the first team whilst still an Apprentice. Strong, fearless and talented his early season form has already endeared him to Town fans and a bright future is predicted for him.

GLYN CHAMBERLAIN Another of Mick Bullock's close season signings, Chesterfield born Glyn began as an apprentice with Burnley where he spent four years before joining his home town club. He gained valuable experience during his four years at Saltergate and is determined to use this at Halifax where he has become a fine addition to the Club's back four/Midfield ranks.

BOBBY DAVIDSON Yet another Close Season acquisition. Bobby, born at South Shields, joined Town from Third Division neighbours Huddersfield for a fee of £20,000. Very highly rated by 'Terriers' Manager Mick Buxton who only allowed him to leave Leeds Road because of an abundance of Forwards and the fact that the 3rd Division side have had such a fine level of consistency over the past few years. Very quick with an eye for the half chance, much is expected of the Centre Forward this term.

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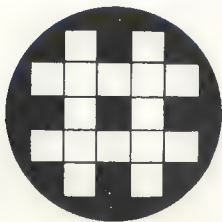


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PUZZLE PAGE



ON THE BALL No. 14

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Chelsea family . . . ; . . . one of its members; Broadhurst, maybe; Former WBA/Benfica boss.

CLUB CLUE No. 14

Solve this cryptic clue to identify a soccer side:

Do players possibly object to being sent there?

MIXED DOUBLES No. 14

Re-order the letters in each of the words **SEVERER** and **ASPS** to find two linked soccer words.

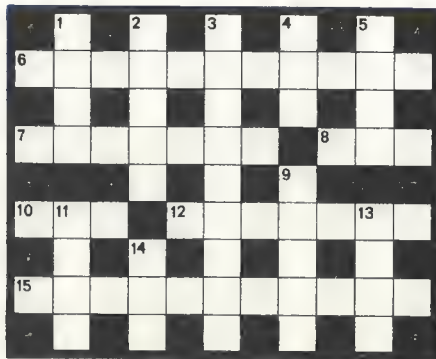
QUICK QUIZ No. 14

1. Which club had brothers Ted and Benny Fenton as managers?
2. Which NASL club became Le Manio de Montreal in 1981?
3. What was Allan Clarke nicknamed in his playing days?
4. Which was the first southern club to win the First Division title — and when?
5. What was Everton's previous ground called?

ANSWERS ON PAGE 30

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1981/82 SERIES



SOCCER NINETY-NINER

No. 14 (compiled by David Peck)

ACROSS

6. He managed one United up from Division Three last season then switched to a nearby United who had also left that division (11)
7. Big defender who made over 400 League turnouts for Notts County then moved to Forest . . . but by way of QPR (7)
8. Wrexham wear it (3)
10. The father of Kevin and Gary (3)
12. An ever-present for QPR last season, this ex-England man has had around 400 League games (7)
15. The outcome of an error in the area (7-4)

DOWN

1. After making just under 400 League appearances for Plymouth he added around 200 for Exeter (4)
2. They help a player keep a grip on the game! (5)
3. These hopefuls go to clubs to be judged . . . but most are sentenced to go free! (9)
4. McCalliog, maybe (3)
5. As Shrewsbury's shorts are (4)
9. Such a goal may be wind-assisted or take a weird deflection (5)
11. Former International — MacDonald served Rangers throughout the 1970s then moved to Hearts (4)
13. He had played in almost 400 League games for Arsenal before he went to Watford last season (4)
14. For instance, 6 or 12 across (3)

OUT & ABOUT



with Chris Gill

IT NEVER ceases to amaze me what Wigan Athletic fans will do to see their team in action any place, any day, any time. We've heard tales before of how some Latics devotees go through hell and high water to see the lads play. There are a couple of fans who regularly make the trip from the south to see home games. And there's another one based on the South Coast, who never misses a game in the southern half of the country . . . and sees quite a few home games.

But at the Victoria Ground, Hartlepool, two weeks ago, we came across one young student, who showed fantastic loyalty to his club. Based at Bradford, he travelled to the North East, via York, and was enjoying a drink and a chat before the game. It never occurred to ask how he was getting back, as folks who make trips like that, normally have a way home organised . . . But this lad was resigned to not getting home until the very early hours of the next morning . . . after a night out in the open. Unable to get a train back at that time of night, he had come well equipped, and his holdall contained all he needed . . . a sleeping bag to keep warm in his night's

lair . . . York railway station waiting room! After showing that kind of dedication, I don't think the match, or the result, would have provided him with sweet dreams.

Incidentally, he wasn't the only one to have a difficult trip to the 'Pool. Three other Latics fans, who never miss a game, travelled home on the train via Newcastle, Carlisle and on to Wigan . . . at 4 a.m. No doubt some of you know of others who don't mind losing sleep over their favourite football club. If so, I'd be delighted to hear from you.

Anyway, it's time for a private dig at rival newspaper, the Manchester Evening News. For in their report of Latics game with Rochdale at Spotland last weekend, poor Jimmy Weston's name was mud . . . and he wasn't even at the ground, let alone playing. "Snookes was sent off after a clash with Wigan defender Jimmy Weston", the report says, and it adds, in remarks attributed to Dale manager Peter Madden . . . surely he knew the difference between Jimmy and Kevin Sheldon . . . "Eric was booked after trying to ward off blows from Weston". Wow, that must be some reach you have there, Jimmy!

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*1949-50	Portsmouth	53	Wolverhampton Wanderers	53
1950-51	Tottenham Hotspur	60	Manchester United	56
1951-52	Manchester United	57	Tottenham Hotspur	53
*1952-53	Arsenal	54	Preston North End	54
1953-54	Wolverhampton Wanderers	57	West Bromwich Albion	53
1954-55	Chelsea	52	Wolverhampton Wanderers	48
1955-56	Manchester United	60	Blackpool	49
1956-57	Manchester United	64	Tottenham Hotspur	56
1957-58	Wolverhampton Wanderers	64	Preston North End	59
1958-59	Wolverhampton Wanderers	61	Manchester United	55
1959-60	Burnley	55	Wolverhampton Wanderers	54
1960-61	Tottenham Hotspur	66	Sheffield Wednesday	58
1961-62	Ipswich Town	56	Burnley	53
1962-63	Everton	61	Tottenham Hotspur	55
1963-64	Liverpool	57	Manchester United	53
*1964-65	Manchester United	61	Leeds United	61
1965-66	Liverpool	61	Leeds United	55
1966-67	Manchester United	60	Nottingham Forest	56
1967-68	Manchester City	58	Manchester United	56
1968-69	Leeds United	67	Liverpool	61
1969-70	Everton	66	Leeds United	57
1970-71	Arsenal	65	Leeds United	64
1971-72	Derby County	58	Leeds United	57
1972-73	Liverpool	60	Arsenal	57
1973-74	Leeds United	62	Liverpool	57
1974-75	Derby County	53	Liverpool	51
1975-76	Liverpool	60	Queens Park Rangers	59
1976-77	Liverpool	57	Manchester City	56
1977-78	Nottingham Forest	64	Liverpool	57
1978-79	Liverpool	68	Nottingham Forest	60
1979-80	Liverpool	60	Manchester United	58
1980-81	Aston Villa	60	Ipswich Town	56

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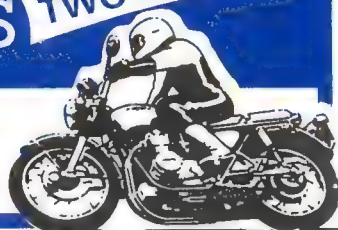
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But let me take you back to about 45 minutes before the big kick-off. Can you imagine how the mascot must have been feeling at that time; it's a night that Ian Sturgeon will remember for the rest of his life.

As with every mascot, I met Ian outside the ground about three-quarters of an hour before kick-off time, and that is where the adventure begins. A short walk and we are in another world. Along the tunnel, turn left and then sharp right into the room where the ball boys change. Most days it is the boiler room, but on matchdays it is a very warm changing room. A quick change into his Junior Latics Kit, track-suit, plus a brand new pair of soccer boots, courtesy of mum, then back out into the corridor. Now it just happens that this very warm changing room is right next door to Villa's dressing room and out comes Ian armed with autograph book and it must have been like having 4 birthdays and 3 Christmasses in a week. First Peter Withe then Gary Shaw, Jimmy Rimmer, Allan Evans and Tony Morley obliged by signing on the dotted line. It was becoming too much for me, never mind Ian, so I suggested that we have a walk on the pitch to see if we can see his Dad, only to be confronted by 15,000 fans. But we just managed to see him along-side my better half in the centre of the stand — a quick wave a few deep breaths (me that is) and back up the tunnel for one or two more autographs. Isn't that Martin Tyler (from Granada Television) stood over there! One more for the collection and then a quiet word with Ron Saunders, to discuss tactics I suppose. There is no doubt about it, it is very easy to get used to having all these stars around you, and I realised Ian was feeling the same way, when he refused Peter Houghton's offer to sign the now bulging autograph book with an "I've already got yours — I think". Peter walked away saying "That's put me in my place".

But time was getting on, it was only minutes away from kick-off time. One or two words of instruction from me and Ian was leading his team out in front of Latics' biggest crowd for many years. Like I say, it is a night Ian will never forget.

Paul Moss

I am delighted to be able to tell you that the pin and string plague of our Badge made by Paul has been given a prominent position in the Boardroom of Wigan Athletic by the request of the Chairman — Mr. Freddie Pye. This is a very great honour for Paul and for all of us at the Junior Latics.

DON'T FORGET THE DISCOS

On Monday evening, 7th December, at 7 p.m. it is for the 7 - 11 years olds, and, on Monday week, 14th December, it's the turn of the 12 - 14 year olds.

MATCHDAY MASCOT

Today's Mascot is Ian Foster. He attends St. John Fisher School and his hobby is playing soccer. Ian says his favourite players are Peter Houghton and Kevin Sheldon. Have a happy day Ian.

John Fillingham
Chairman.



JUNIOR LATICS





"Clive Evans gets in his shot against Aston Villa, but to no avail".

"Mike Quinn tries to make his header count but the Midlands side breathe again".

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²Figure indicates no. of goals scored by player.
*In result column indicates opponents own goal.

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JAN. 2 Mansfield Town
 Jan. 9 Sheffield United
 Jan. 16 PETERBOROUGH UNITED
 Jan. 23 BRADFORD CITY
 Jan. 30 Northampton Town

FEB. 6 HARTLEPOOL UNITED
 Feb. 8 Port Vale
 Feb. 13 Torquay United
 Feb. 20 TRANMERE ROVERS
 Feb. 26 Stockport County

MAR. 6 HULL CITY
 Mar. 10 BURY
 Mar. 12 Scunthorpe United
 Mar. 16 Darlington
 Mar. 20 COLCHESTER UNITED
 Mar. 27 Hereford United

APR. 2 YORK CITY
 Apr. 9 Blackpool
 Apr. 10 CREWE ALEXANDRA
 Apr. 17 Halifax Town
 Apr. 24 ROCHDALE

MAY 1 Peterborough United
 May 5 A.F.C. BOURNEMOUTH
 May 8 MANSFIELD TOWN
 May 15 Aldershot

FOURTH DIVISION LEAGUE TABLE AS AT 1st DECEMBER, 1981

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	Away	Pts.
Colchester Utd.	17	6	2	0	18	5	5	2	2	13	8	37
Sheffield Utd.	17	8	0	1	24	5	3	2	2	8	9	36
Peterborough Utd.	17	8	0	1	29	9	3	2	2	12	13	35
Bury	17	6	1	1	19	9	5	1	2	17	10	35
Bradford City	16	5	4	0	12	4	5	1	2	9	5	35
AFC Bournemouth	17	6	1	1	13	6	2	5	2	12	12	30
Wigan Athletic	17	5	2	2	12	9	3	2	3	11	11	28
Port Vale	17	5	2	2	14	8	3	1	5	8	10	27
Torquay Utd.	17	5	2	2	22	10	2	4	3	14	14	26
Blackpool	17	7	0	2	20	9	0	2	6	2	13	23
Stockport County	17	4	1	3	13	12	2	2	5	10	15	21
Hartlepool Utd.	17	4	1	4	14	12	2	2	4	10	20	21
Aldershot	17	4	1	4	10	11	2	4	3	14	19	18
Hereford Utd.	17	1	5	2	5	11	18	4	1	4	12	18
York City	17	3	1	4	11	12	1	4	4	17	20	17
Hull City	17	3	4	2	11	11	0	4	4	5	11	17
Rochdale	17	3	4	2	10	7	1	1	6	6	18	17
Tranmere Rovers	17	3	4	3	4	8	3	1	5	10	15	17
Mansfield Town	17	3	3	4	3	17	16	1	1	6	5	15
Halifax Town	17	2	3	4	8	12	1	3	4	9	18	15
Scunthorpe Utd.	17	2	3	3	4	12	16	1	1	7	5	17
Crewe Alexandra	17	2	1	6	9	12	2	0	6	3	20	13
Northampton T.	18	2	3	4	11	12	0	2	7	9	28	11

F.A. CUP SECOND ROUND DRAW		
Aldershot	v	Oxford United
Barnet	v	Wycombe Wanderers
Brentford	v	Colchester United
Bristol City	v	Northampton Town
Bury	v	Burnley
Carlisle United	v	Bishop Auckland
Chesterfield	v	Huddersfield Town
Crewe Alexandra	v	Scunthorpe United
Dagenham	v	Millwall
Doncaster Rovers	v	Penrith
Dorchester Town	v	A.F.C. Bournemouth
Enfield	v	Wimbledon
Gillingham	v	Barking
Hereford United	v	Fulham
Hull City	v	Hartlepool United
Kettering Town	v	Blackpool
Port Vale	v	Stockport County
Peterborough United	v	Walsall
Swindon Town	v	Sutton United
York City	v	Altrincham

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Comment FROM THE CHAIR

THE Chairman, Freddie Pye, has flown off for a well deserved holiday after his efforts this year on behalf of the Club, and he has invited me to write his column this week. I would like to start by extending a warm welcome to the directors, players and supporters of Halifax Town, who have made the trip over the Pennines today.

Looking back to Tuesday night, I was terribly disappointed with the outcome of our match against Aston Villa. Cup ties are so final, that to lose in such a manner is frustrating to say the least. But having said that, we've had four great League Cup tussles, and I would not have swapped places with anybody at half-time during the game, leading as we were against the League Champs. It was also a tremendous event to see players of the calibre of the Villa lads

here at Springfield Park, which leads me on to our priority at this time, which is to improve our position, not merely in the Fourth Division, but in the League as a whole. After cup matches, players tend to look on League matches as a relief, but we have now got to work hard in every game to take us up the table, and eventually, up the divisions. The players have proved that they have the commitment and the capability, and I would ask all our supporters to be patient — there are a lot of points still to be won or lost, and the luck which seems to have deserted us in recent games, will come back.

I am very confident that this club is bound for greater things. The team has proved it is capable, the administration handled the Chelsea and Aston Villa games in such a way as to prove it can cope with the "big-time", and the Commercial side is looking up. All it takes now is continued effort and commitment from the players, for the supporters to get behind the team, and then we'll attract big crowds for every game, and not just the one-offs.

Enjoy today's game,

Best wishes,

Bobby Charlton.

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- 4 Mark Wignall
- 5 Les Bradd
- 6 Colin Methven
- 7 Kevin Sheldon
- 8 Graham Barrow
- 9 Mike Quinn
- 10 Peter Houghton
- 11 Clive Evans
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MR. F. ROBERTS
(Prestatyn)

Started refereeing in Stockport in 1970. On moving to Wales in 1974 progressed to the Welsh League and Cheshire League to the Football League. Refereed North Wales Juniors v. Scotland Juniors — 1977, in 1979 officiated in the Wales Youth v. Northern Ireland Youth game, and in 1980 lined a European Cup match, Hvidovre v. Feyenoord.

A married man, with two children, he is Headmaster of a primary school and his interests include squash, athletics, home wine making and gardening. He is a qualified Referees' Instructor with the Welsh F.A.

Linesmen:

Red Flag
Mr. G. M. McManus
(Connah's Quay)

Yellow Flag
Mr. C. Tracey
(Blackpool)

FOR YOUR RECORDS

H.T. SCORE:
F.T. SCORE:
ATTENDANCE:
SCORERS
LATICS:
VISITORS:
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**HALIFAX
TOWN**
(All Yellow)

- 1 Lee Smelt
- 2 Stephen Ward
- 3 Everton Carr
- 4 Dave Evans
- 5 Billy Ayre
- 6 Paul Hendrie
- 7 Andy Whiteley
- 8 Bobby Davison
- 9 Vernon Allatt
- 10 Glyn Chamberlain
- 11 Tommy Graham
- 12 Steve Walker